GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF GEM JEWELLERY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced fresh incentives to make India a global hub for gems and auto parts as reported in The Hindu dated April 08, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched two new schemes to create more jobs in rural and semi urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of job likely to be created thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : Government has announced a number of promotional measures for facilitating export of Gems and Jewellery products catering to the changing needs of the market, facilitating easier product movement across the border, allowing import of precious metal scrap for refining, export of cut and polished stones for treatment and re-import etc. Since India is fast emerging as an important center for sourcing auto components, provision to allow import of new vehicles by auto component manufacturers for R&D purposes without homologation has been permitted in the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09. Details of all these measures are available in the Book Titled `Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09` and Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I 2004-09 as updated on 7th April, 2006 and the same are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) & (d) : Yes , Sir. The two new schemes, namely, Focus Market and Focus Product Schemes have been announced with a view to promoting export of products having large employment potential and penetration of strategic markets by Indian Products. Exports of products to notified countries will be entitled for Duty Credit Scrip equivalent to 2.5% of the FOB value of exports and exports of notified products to all countries is entitled to credit scrip equivalent to 2.5% of FOB value of exports on 50% of export turnover of the products. It is estimated that an additional employment of 21 million jobs are expected to be created between 2004-05 and 2009-10 as a result of export growth due to various initiatives taken by the Government.